



Mathematics Competitions

Eight years ago, I visited John Fullwood's class for the first time. He was a semi-retired maths teacher in his late 70s who told me that as a maths teacher, the only thing I should never drop was problem solving.

John is a legend and an institution in Hawkes Bay's 'maths circles'. He has been organizing not just the annual Mathletics competitions and Maths' camps but is an inspiration for many students, teachers, parents and community members.

Taikura School has been participating in his programmes for seven years but also we have competed for the past three years in the Otago University Problem Challenge and a small training programme for the regional Mathletics's competition.

These events are opportunities for our students to see themselves as part of the wider Hawkes Bay school community and vice-versa as other schools collaborate with us too. This interdependent work fosters innovation and a push or excellence in both ways!

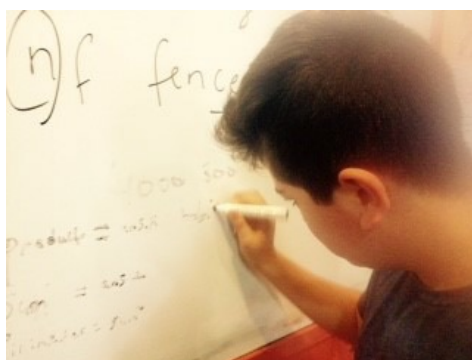
This term four, groups of three students and several understudies are preparing for the September Maths games. Two and half arduous hours of computation endurance, algebraic thinking and geometrical puzzling! Four years in a row we won the silver award, and this year we will push for gold!!

Please keep your children forever solving problems...

Sandra Jordan



Charlotte Hatcher and Tammy Templer-McConnell



Miguel Correa Pearson



Alexander Kerr and Liam Kouzounian

Mark Your Calendar

August 10	All Day	Dr Mike Sargent - School Visit
August 14	6:30 pm	Class 2 - Parent Evening
August 15	7:00 pm	Class 6 - Parent Evening
August 15	7:00 pm	Class 12 - Parent Evening TH 3.3
August 17	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	Marjorie Theyer - Two Crises In The First Seven Years
August 20	6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Class 8 - Parent Evening Regarding Camp
August 21	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Steiner Question & Answer Night - Class 1
August 22	3:30 pm - 9:00 pm	High School Parent/Teacher Interviews
August 23	7:00 pm	H3 Meeting - Care Initiated Fund - Library
August 24 and 27	School Closed	Mid Term Break Friday 24 and Monday 27
August 29	7:00 pm	Class 5 Parent Evening
August 29	6:30 pm	Class 7 Parent Evening
August 30	7:00 pm	Liaison Parent Evening - Library
August 31	8:45 am - 9:00 am start	David Urieli - The End Of Faust Part 1 by Goethe

SCHOOL NOTICES

Dear Whānau and Friends

It is almost certain that a nation wide teachers' strike, organized by the NZEI Te Riu Roa Teacher's Union, will be going ahead next week on Wednesday 15 August.

Taikura's Union members **are not** part of this strike as the negotiations are not for the Area Schools' teachers. However, we wholeheartedly support the claims made to the government as those will be almost the same for the Area Schools' Collective agreement in the coming year.

It has been interesting to listen to the media. Their reports at times have been misleading as they were presented briefly and with little substance. Often they reported only on the pay increase offered but omitted the claims related to the deep-seated and fundamental issues facing the profession. There is a crisis in recruitment and retention of teachers and principals. Teachers and principals have consistently raised high workloads (even without National Standards), there is 40% fewer students training to be teachers, schools are struggling to attract teachers, there are not enough resources available for supporting children with additional learning needs, including Specialists and support staff. The pay scale has also fallen behind other professions which is happening because of years of the political undervaluing of the profession.

If you are interested, go to the NZEI website and read about the campaign. It is important we are well-informed citizens who have an interest in the future of Aotearoa.

Kua tae te wa, it is time

Sandra Jordan, Taikura's NZEI Union representative

Taikura Parents Group

All School Community Welcome - Including those on the waiting list.

Please come along and enjoy the opportunity to meet other parents and staff from our school in a relaxed and supportive environment. All meetings are baby/toddler friendly and you are welcome to bring them along and come and go as you need. Gatherings are held at the Hastings Taikura Kindergarten community space. Guest speakers begin at 9:00 am with tea and coffee available from 8:45 am.

Our next meetings:

- **August 17:** Marjorie Theyer, adviser and coordinator for Federation of Rudolf Steiner Waldorf Schools in New Zealand Kindergarten and Early Childhood Training. Topic: The two crises in the first seven years and how best deal with them.
- **August 31:** David Urieli, High School drama and maths teacher: Topic: The end of Faust Part 1 by Goethe.
- **September 14:** Margaret Mary Farr, **will be held at her studio** 100 Eastbourne St W Hastings - upstairs and opposite Women Centre. Local artist and highly regarded teacher of Art Therapy.

Any offerings, suggestions or questions please contact: Filipa Hope 027 4513445 filipahope@gmail.com

Sporting Success

"Congratulations" and "Good luck" to Maya Gunn who has been selected from the Hawkes Bay group to compete at the Masterton Special Olympics swimming competition coming up this weekend.

Important Sport Notice

As Friday 24 August and Monday 27 August are our Mid Term Break, there is no school. However **all sports games are still on that weekend**, in fact it is finals games for most of our hockey and netball teams.

Steiner Question And Answer Night

Have you ever wondered why Steiner education does things the way it does?

- Why does my child not learn to read and write until seven?
- Why is there no rugby team at Taikura?
- Blackboards, knitting and Eurythmy? How are these things relevant in today's classroom?

Book a babysitter (you both have questions right?!), bring along the grandparents and come along to a relaxed and open evening where no question is a dumb question. Open to new, old and prospective families who want to learn more about Steiner education, ask questions and find out why things are done the way they are.

Tuesday 21 August 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Class One classroom.

Any questions can be forwarded to Leilani 0212 711 711 or Carrie 027 364 6164.

SCHOOL NOTICES

High School Parent Teacher Interviews

We would like to warmly invite High School parents and students to attend **Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 22 August**. Interviews will start at 3:30 pm and run until 9:00 pm. Bookings open on Monday 13 August at 9:00 am and will close on Monday 20 August at 9:00 am.

How to Book

1. Log onto the following website: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. Enter the following code into the 'event code': **2hyq6**
3. You will then be guided by the website

These interviews provide you with an opportunity to discuss your student's progress and can be a good time to set clear goals for the second half of the year. If issues arise which require further discussion than time allows please follow this up at another time by making an appointment with the appropriate staff member.

High School Information Evening – Classes 9, 10 and 11

On **Wednesday 5 September at 7:30 pm** we will hold our annual Information Evening for parents and students of Classes 9, 10 and 11. The Class 9 focus will be on the New Zealand Certificate of Steiner Education as well as an overview of the Trades Academy Programme. Class 10 and 11 students and parents will hear presentations on the elective subjects which will be offered in these classes for the following year. More information regarding this evening will follow in future Grapevines and via email.

Pippa Caccioppoli
Principal

Public Health Nurse

Sandy our Public Health Nurse will be at school on the following days:

Monday 20 August, 3 September, and 17 September at 12:30 pm

The venue will be level three of Taikura House in Lesley's office. Text or just show up for a appointment.

Sandy O'Shea | Public Health Nurse, Child Health Team Hawke's Bay District Health Board
Text or phone call on 027 2349379 or 8799440 Or email sandy.o'shea@hbdhb.govt.nz

Careers And Scholarships

Victoria School Leaver Scholarships

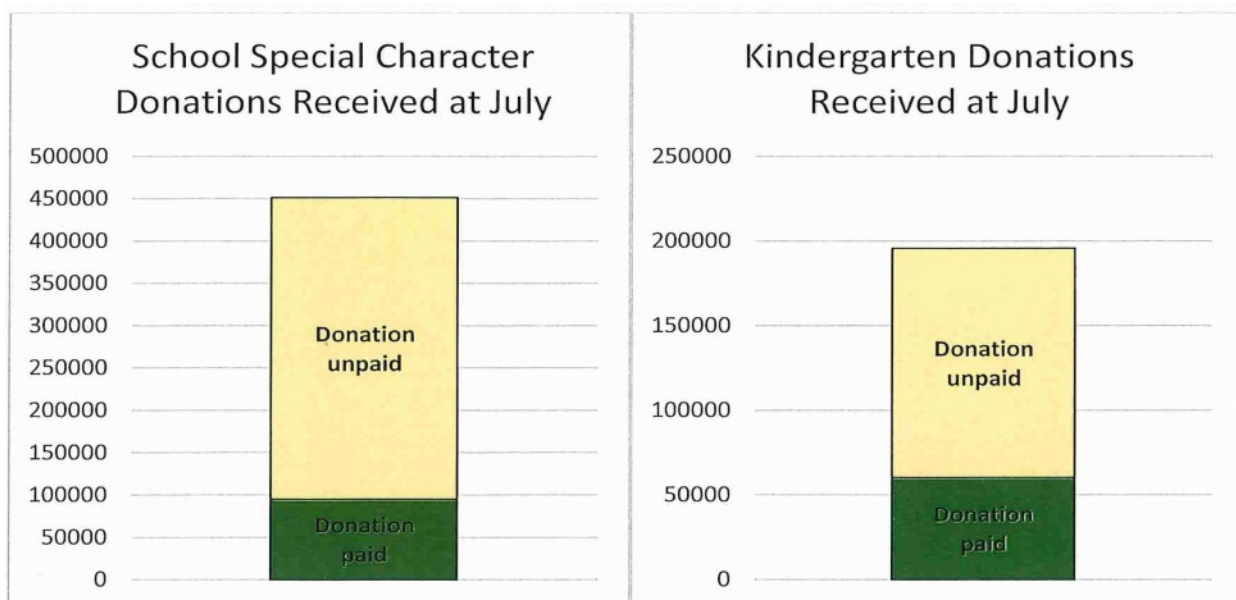
ACT NOW BEFORE CLOSING 4:30 PM SATURDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2018

We are delighted to announce that applications for Victoria University school-leaver scholarships are now open, and will close at 4:30 pm on **Saturday 15 September 2018**. Students will only need to complete one online application to be considered. Please see previous Grapevines for available Scholarships.

Applicants for these scholarships will be notified of the outcome mid-October.

Applications can be submitted on: <https://victoriascholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/FundDetails>

Donations Update



SCHOOL NOTICE

Exhibition Invitation " Taikura All Sorts"

Hastings Community Arts Centre
Dates 28 October – 10 November 2018

Dear Friends

We are having our Annual Exhibition of Artwork with parents, teachers, past and present pupils of Taikura Rudolf Steiner School at the Community Arts Centre in Hastings. You are invited to present your works for the show which will run from the 28 October – 10 November with both floors of the centre used for exhibits. Upstairs will be reserved for current Taikura students from Class 1-12, and downstairs for everyone else. So mark your diaries now.

You will be guaranteed at least one space/area to adequately display your work to its best advantage. I will need your:

- Contact details, cell phone number and email.
- Biography – this can be short and sweet.
- Title of works, medium and how much you wish to sell your work for.
- A digital photo for catalogue and curation purposes. This can be done at school if need be.

To display your work there will be a cost of \$20.00 per work as this will be used to cover the centre hire, advertising, catalogue and administration. This is payable to the office at Taikura by Friday 12 October. Cheques made out to Taikura Rudolf Steiner School. The artworks for display on wall space will need to be ready to hand with wire/string on the back.

The commission of the gallery is 17% with GST included.

Please confirm acceptance of this invitation by email to me by:

- 10 August (the earlier the better)
- The deadline for the Catalogue will be Friday 12 October.
- Payment by Friday 12 October.

This year we are again hoping to have a group of people and students involved in the organising, preparation and promotion of this event so if you would like to be involved ring me on 0272917111 or email lesley.cox@taikura.school.nz.

This group will make a start early in Term 3. Urarii is already framing up student art work.

There will also be an official opening with drinks and nibbles, like previous years, at the venue on Friday the 2 November. We will be asking you to invite guests and RSVP for catering.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Lesley Cox

Save the Date!

Taikura Fête will be held on Sunday 18 November. Please put it in your diary now.

Environmental Superstar Needed:

Are you passionate about the environment? We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to help make our Fête a truly zero waste event. Training will be provided by the Environment Centre and the role will involve liaising with students. If this sounds like you, please contact Bekkie Taylor on 0273016637 or email taikurafete@gmail.com.

Children's Activities:

If you have volunteered for a Children's Activity in the past and are willing to do so again, please be proactive and get in touch with Rosheen FitzGerald on 027 777 0759 or email taikurafete@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Violin Lessons Available

I teach violin to children and adults in Hastings. Children can learn at Taikura during school hours. I teach with the Suzuki method or traditional. For more information call Hannah Hales 2809813 or 022 1049867

Kairos Courses 2018 Term 3 with Margaret-Mary Farr 100 Eastbourne Street East, Hastings.

Heart Of Art: Thursdays for 7 weeks 8:5 am – 12:15 pm Cost \$225.00

Drawing Trees through the seasons. Paintings with Margaret-Mary Farr great for beginners.

Tuesdays for 7 weeks: Medicinal Plants with Nic Parkes Weleda Pharmacist followed by painting/drawing with Margaret-Mary. A wonderful morning at the studio and some at Weleda discovering the wonderful qualities of various plants. Costs \$225. Starts 8:50 am – 12:15 pm

Children's Art Classes are ongoing through the term on Tuesday/Wednesdays/Thursday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm and 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm spaces available. Children learn to draw. Pencils and drawing, watercolours wet on wet and create in clay. Lots of fun and a great skill and pastime to learn.

Art For Koha: Beginners 1:00pm - 2:30pm Tuesdays. Learn painting, pastels and drawing. Lots of fun!

Art For Health: Course to start in Term 4 This will be a foundation in Anthroposophy focusing on Health and the use of Art as a tool for healing. This course will give the participant the foundation needed if wishing to study Artistic Therapy at Kairos.

Awakening Your Goddess: With Raina Ferris and Margaret-Mary: Coming up September 1. This course will be held at Kurawaka in Porangahau Places a filling fast.

Open Day At The Studio! Come and check out the space and see what is available.

Wednesdays All Day from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm 25 July, 4 and 8 August.

Love To See You! Contact Margaret-Mary Farr Ph/Txt 027 2484193, email manawastudio@gmail.com
Facebook Margaret-Mary Farr ART, or Kairos Artistic Endeavours.

Taruna College

Palliative Care - Supportive Therapies for End of Life Care

Taruna College is holding a workshop for natural therapies for care and comfort of those suffering illness at the end of life. Facilitators are Raelee Jansen and Deborah Bednarek.

Saturday 15 September 9:00 - 1:00 pm Taruna college \$90

Register at info@taruna.ac.nz or 06 8777174



Eva's After School Art Class For Children

Thursdays 3:00 - 4:10 pm. Explore new art techniques, look at interesting images, listen to a story.

Children 8-13 years. \$18 per session, commitment for a term. At the Steiner Centre 500 Nelson Street Hastings.

Contact Eva Urieli < evaurieli@gmail.com > 878 6028 or text 02102771201

Art Class For Teenager 13-18 Years

Explore and research your own images. Try out different art techniques, gallery visits, story time.

Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:45 pm. At the Steiner Centre 500 Nelson Street Hastings. \$18 per lesson, commitment for

one term. Contact Eva Urieli < evaurieli@gmail.com > 878 6028 or text 02102771201

Art Therapy For All Ages

Individual sessions: To foster self-esteem and self confidence, mitigate emotional issues, balance the constitution, relieve negative behaviour patterns, encourage creativity, review life situations and belief systems, learn to accept ones biography. Contact: Eva Urieli < evaurieli@gmail.com > 878 6028 or text 02102771201